express parcel post and business post offered by Department of Post during the previous three years is given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(c) Number of value additions, like free pick up facility, door to door delivery, internet based track and trace, volume based discount and credit facility have been provided for the premium mail products. Number of booking counters and offices with late hours of booking has been increased. Further, special attention is paid to the marketing and promotion of premium products.

(d) Approximate estimates of the quantum of such business in the organized sector are available with the Department while such services exist both in the organized and unorganized sector.

(e) No, Sir.

Statement

Details of increase in revenue registered by Premium Products of Department of Posts during the last three years

Name of the Product	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
Speed Post	196.53	243.01	298.35
Express Parcel Post	19.31	26.09	31.45
Business Post	170.29	276.86	365.11

Telephone exchanges in M.P.

725. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of telephone exchanges set up in Bhopal district of Madhya Pradesh by the year 2003;

(b) whether telephone exchanges situated at Barkheda, Baramad, Dillaur, Kerala (Gunga), Polash Ganj, Lalaria and Sohaya villages were working by the year 2003, if so, the number of employees working in these exchanges till the said period;

(c) whether there is any plan for setting up of telephone exchanges at Durgaria, Gadhakalan, Mazeedgarh Aravati and Mingaraklam in Bhopal district; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any written complaint has been received by the Government about closure of telephone exchange?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD):(a) There were 131 telephone exchanges set up in Bhopal district by 31-12-2003.

(b) Yes, Sir. The said telephone exchanges were working at these villages by 31-12-2003. These exchanges were maintained by the group exchange staff during the said period as there were no individual staff posted for these exchanges.

(c) There is no plan for setting up of telephone exchanges at these places.

(d) No such complaint has been received.

Telephone facilities in the villages of U.P.

†726. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise number of villages in the State of Uttar Pradesh provided with telephone facilities as on date:

(b) the number of villages in the State where such facility could not be made available, so far; and

(c) the details of necessary steps to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) 97,252 villages in the State of Uttar Pradesh have been provided with Villages Public Telephone (VPT) facility and 1,178 villages are without telephone facility. State-wise details are given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.